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Subject: HB 589

Governor Cooper: I' m writing to request that you veto HB 589. This bill is a deceptive attack on the future of renewable energy in our state. This bill will damage the future of rooftop solar in our state by capping its deployment, increasing fees, and limiting reimbursement for power generated. The bill will also protect Duke Energy' s monopoly against competition from wind energy. Duke has lobbied against third-party sales because it doesn' t want any competition. Yet, the people of NC would benefit from competition, as would the environment from reduced need to burn fossil fuels and to frack for gas. The claim that wind energy could harm the military installations in our state is false because the military already has the opportunity to veto proposed projects should they be concerned about them. Thus far, the military has said that the proposed projects they have reviewed will not harm military operations.

Thank you,
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